



Proclamation



POLICE WEEK 2022

WHEREAS, in 1961, a joint resolution of Congress authorized the President to proclaim May 15th of each year to be Peace Officers Memorial Day, which honors law enforcement officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, and to proclaim the week of each year during which that date occurs as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Police Department provides a vital public service by fostering the well-being of the community in a way that respects and promotes the rights of individuals; by providing for the safety of the Town's residents and visitors; by acting as first responders in emergency and crisis situations; by investigating and solving crimes; by offering a variety of community services to individuals, local businesses, and community organizations and agencies; and by participating in ongoing training to stay up to date on current policing techniques, to achieve the department's bias-free policing goals, and to provide community services in a fair and professional manner; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Trey Kennedy, an employee in the Police Department for 13 years, was named Carrboro's Police Officer of the Year during a "Salute to Community Heroes" hosted by The Chamber For a Greater Chapel Hill-Carrboro; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, the Police Department handled more than 19,000 calls for service; and last year participated in 111 community events, including neighborhood meetings, job fairs, the department's prescription drug drop-off events, and more; and

WHEREAS, this spring, the department recorded its twenty-fifth use of naloxone to reverse an opioid overdose since becoming the first law enforcement agency in North Carolina in 2015 to use this lifesaving harm-reduction tool; and

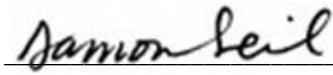
WHEREAS, in the most recent biennial community survey, the Police Department was among the major categories of Town services that had the highest levels of satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, Carrboro's police officers have continued to serve the community well, risking their own health and safety as essential, frontline employees of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Seils, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15th through May 21st, 2022, to be Police Week in Carrboro. I encourage residents to share their gratitude with the officers and other professionals in the Police Department for promoting the safety of Carrboro's residents and visitors, and to understand the duties and responsibilities of these essential employees and the risks they often must face to help make Carrboro a safe and welcoming place to live.

This the 10th day of May, 2022.




Damon Seils, Mayor